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Historic Jamestowne News Release

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National Junior Ranger Day at Historic Jamestowne

*Children's Games and Activities, Living History and Special Tours will
be offered April 18, 2015*

Jamestown, Va. - As part of National Park Week and National Junior Ranger Day, special children's programs will be offered free of charge on Saturday, April 18 at Historic Jamestowne. Younger visitors can become National Park Service Junior Rangers and receive a special National Junior Ranger patch by participating in games and activities during their park visit. **Admission to the park that day is free!**

Family-friendly activities for all ages will be presented by students from Jamestown High School's Rho Kappa Honor Society between 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. No reservations are needed for the following:

- * Living History Characters will be roving the historic site throughout the day answering visitors' questions about life at Jamestown during the seventeenth-century. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- * Children's Games and dancing, [outside on historic site] ongoing from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- * Mock Archaeology Dig Box, [outside on historic site] ongoing from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- * Hands-on Craft Demonstrations for children inside the Historic Jamestowne Visitor Center will be ongoing from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- * 5-mile Bike Tour of the Jamestown Island Drive Loop: Students leading the bike tour will stop at several locations to discuss the ecology and history of Jamestown Island (the Island Drive Loop will be closed to vehicle traffic). Participants must bring their own bikes and equipment--bug spray and bottled water are recommended: 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- * A one-hour guided walking tour of the Jamestown Island Drive Loop: Students leading the walking tour will stop at several locations to discuss the ecology and history of Jamestown Island (the Island Drive Loop will be closed to vehicle traffic). Participants should bring bug spray and bottled water: 1:00 p.m. [Total walking distance about 3 miles]
- * 45-minute guided walking tours of the historic site allowing visitors to meet various living history characters imparting their personal stories about daily life at Jamestown during the 17th-century: 11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. [Total walking distance about 300 yards]

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If You Go

Historic Jamestowne, the site of North America's first permanent English settlement, offers a wealth of family activities on the island. Witness archaeology-in-action at the 1607 James Fort excavation, watch costumed glassblowers demonstrate one of America's first industries at the Glasshouse and visit the original 17th-century church tower. Explore the Natalie P. and Alan M. Voorhes Archaearium, an archaeology museum filled with unique artifacts from the Fort James site and tour the remains of New Towne, the historic town site dating from the 1620s. The Visitor Center offers exhibits, a multimedia presentation and a museum store.

Historic Jamestowne is jointly administered by the National Park Service and the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation (on behalf of APVA Preservation Virginia) and preserves the original site of the first permanent English settlement in the New World.

For further information, visit www.HistoricJamestowne.org or www.nps.gov/colo, or call (757) 898-2410.

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